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46/157. World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/65 of 26 July 1991,

Acknowledging with satisfaction the progress made by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in implementing the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development, 1/ and encouraging them to pursue their efforts in this respect, especially in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Taking into account resolution 26 C/3.2 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-sixth session,

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1/ E/1986/L.30, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

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1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991; 3/

2. Approves the recommendation contained in paragraph 89 (d) of the report, aimed at focusing the mid-term review on preparing a provisional evaluation of the implementation of the Decade, reviewing some of its goals, selecting a more limited number of priorities and defining specific tasks for the second phase of the Decade, so as to give greater impetus to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

3. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the Decade, to be carried out by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in 1994; the preparation should include the following:

(a) Written consultations with Member States and appropriate international governmental and non-governmental organizations, to be carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1992, with the aim of evaluating the implementation of the Decade, including an evaluation of the cultural factors influencing the development of the cultural sector as a potential creator of jobs and generator of income, to be carried out by the regional commissions in 1993, as specified by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 45/189 of 21 December 1990;

(b) The elaboration of a summary evaluation report based on the results obtained from the written consultations with Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as on the contributions from the regional commissions; the summary evaluation report would serve as the main working document for the mid-term review and would be prepared by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(c) An examination of the summary evaluation report by the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, established by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in resolution 24 C/11.13 adopted at its twenty-fourth session;

4. Invites all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute actively to the mid-term review of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade.

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3/ A/46/160-E/1991/66.